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SUBJ: CIVAIR: ROME DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE/

EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY

FOR CHARGE FROM BROWER

1. IN PLANNING FOR ROME DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE AND ICAO EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY WHICH CONVENE AUGUST 28 WE HAD HOPED STRONGLY FOR USEFUL CONSULTATIONS WITH SOVIETS ON ISSUES OF SUBSTANCE AND PROCEDURE AS WELL AS "POLITICAL" ITEMS SUCH AS CHAIRMANSHIP, ETC. SINCE PROPOSALS FAVORED BY BOTH U.S. AND SOVIETS ARE TO BE CONSIDERED IN DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE RATHER THAN ASSEMBLY, WE SAW BASIS FOR FRUITFUL COOPERATION.

2. MOSCOW'S SILENCE TO DATE INDICATES TO US POSSIBILITY THAT EITHER THE PRESS OF OTHER MATTERS HAS PREVENTED ALLOCATION OF TIME TO PREPARATION FOR
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CONFERENCE/ASSEMBLY OR SOVIETS HAVE CONCLUDED

PROSPECTS IN ROME SO BLEAK THAT THEY PLAN TO TAKE
PASSIVE, NEUTRAL POSITION.

3. SINCE THE CONFERENCE/ASSEMBLY WILL COMMENCE
SHORTLY WE URGENTLY NEED PERSPECTIVE ON SOVIET
POSITION. IF SOVIETS INTERESTED, WE BELIEVE MUTUALLY
BENEFICIAL CONSULTATIONS SHOULD TAKE PLACE ASAP.
WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR APPRAISAL OF WHETHER SOVIETS

WOULD BE MORE LIKELY TO FOCUS SERIOUSLY UPON THE
ISSUES IF WE SENT AN EXPERT OUT FOR THE SOLE
PURPOSE OF CONSULTING WITH THEM. KEITH HUFFMAN
(L) HAS BEEN IN CHARGE OF OUR PREPARATIONS AND, IN
LIGHT OF POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANCE OF US/SOVIET
COOPERATION, WE WOULD BE WILLING SEND HIM TO MOSCOW
EVEN IF ONLY FOR 1-2 DAYS OF CONSULTATIONS.

4. IF YOU CONCUR, WOULD PROPOSE THESE CONSULTA-
TIONS BE ARRANGED TO TAKE PLACE DURING WEEK
FOLLOWING AERONAUTICS 73 PERHAPS JULY 30-31. ROGERS

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